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EDITORIAL.

Although a school is perhaps the busiest place in the world between nine and three o'clock, and sometimes long after the latter hour, where social and athletic activities are developed, yet the life of a school is often as great a secret as the interior of a beehive. Sometimes the little bees of the educational hive buzz out to the world the story of their doings, but that story is far too often flavored with an imagination so redolent with the joy of living that things are inclined to be upset in the tableau.

It is the intention then of this little school paper bearing the title of "THE V. C. REVIEW" to permit a hasty glance once a month into the doings of the school, out of a sense of the common interest which parents have in the future of their children.

Every paper of this kind has an influence on the spirit of the school, and although no special division of the Review will be devoted to that end, it is to be hoped the whole trend of the paper will be such as to encourage the boys and interest their parents. It will also be a connection with many friends, alumni and Associates in connection with the school.

It is finally hoped that "THE V. C. REVIEW" will encourage students to take a greater interest in the press, and that it will prepare many of the students to write for the press when by so doing they can aid any cause worthy of the interest of good men.

The editors deem it a rare privilege to have by means of this the first copy of "THE V. C. REVIEW" an opportunity to extend to all the students and to every well wisher of the Col-

lege, hearty good wishes for the Christmastide. May Christmas be for all the blessed and holy time it ought to be, and may the "tidings of great joy" be spoken to all hearts in which there is yet left an echo of those Christmas joys of that blessed time when every toy shop was an ecstasy and every vision of Santa Claus was a mixture of good luck and rare good fortune.

"The Review" will be published during the closing days of each month, and will be a chronicle of the doings of the College. It will not be the province of the paper to interest itself in the world in general. It will confine itself to the school and its interests; to the students and their inspirations; to the parents and their services to the cause of education in little matters as well as in great.

The Christmas holidays begin on December 21st, and will end on January 3rd. It is not an uncommon mistake made by parents to extend the holidays so as to include the entire week after New Year's Day. This is often the cause of serious trouble for the remainder of the term. When teaching is to begin on the morning of January 3rd, the student who comes later than that date finds it difficult to cover up the work by the boys who have been in regular session. It is always best for students to begin a term on time. It is difficult to end well what we begin badly.

As this is the first issue of the V. C. Review, we have not as yet had time to begin correspondence with boys of the Brothers' Colleges in various portions of the world, but we hope to do so at an early date.



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

The happiness of the Chirstmas season is a direct participation in the spirit of Christ.

Some modern Scrooges say: "What is the use of being merry and gay at Christmas-tide?" We might succeed in giving a satisfactory reason if these modern Scrooges celebrated any day in the whole long year. Most of us are happy on our birthday, but should we not be more so on Our Lord's birthday? It is the day when Our Lord chose to come down on earth and take to Himself a human form. What little child who has ever read the story of the Infant Jesus can forget the reason for Christmas?

Christmas urges men to be of goodwill to one another. How many hard-hearted men like Scrooge have been reduced to tears at the sight of a poorly-clad little child on Christmas Eve? Many misers would have changed their whole lives and given generous presents to the poor had they read the Christmas carol or Silas Mainer.

The mere giving of presents is not to be confounded with the spirit of Christmas. The spirit in which they are given should be a part of the personal consciousness of each one that because "Unto us a Son is given" we have been made partakers of an everlasting inheritance, and at Christmas particularly we are becoming heirs to the same. The spirit should be one of rejoicing at the birth of our Saviour.

Our Lord wants us, besides paying Him our homage, to be merry and gay. One of the best ways to be happy is to help others to become happy.

Whenever hearts are happy,
'Tis a simple thing to do,
To seek some other sadder heart
And make it happy too.

The joy we share with others
Is a joy that's multiplied,

And 'twill make a perfect Christmas
If there's no one left outside.

If we help the poor we have the satisfaction of seeing somebody else made happy, and we ourselves shall be happy when we give something for Our Lord's sake.

Christmas is a time of happiness, happiness for the soul and body for the spiritual will reflect itself in our physical well-being.

P.N.

HERE AND THERE.

Catholic Colleges.

The Catholic College follows great traditions of learning gleaned from the wisdom of the ages. It develops character, cultivates intellect, broadens and deepens a youth's appreciation of life even for its own sake, and seeks to teach a youth a better understanding of his faith. It teaches true philosophy, the true meaning of history, the true background and reason of the faith. Why should a Catholic go to a Catholic College? The answer is simple. Because he is a Catholic.

The model and example of the religious teacher is the gentle Saviour Himself, who went about doing good. The Catholic teacher's mission is one of the most sacred and one of the most important in life. His mission is to transmit to the rising generation the great truths of the gospel of Christ and not alone to teach life-giving truth, but to illustrate the beauty of holiness by the sanctity of his own life.

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Education.

In the United States for more than a generation, efforts have been put forth from time to time for the creation of a national Department of Education. There is intimation that these efforts are about to be renewed, in which case it is to be hoped they will be again defeated. The cause of edu-

cation would be injured by anything tending to introduce politics into the schools.

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What Is Failure?

Because a child fails to win high standing when subjected to the intelligence tests, now so much in use, or because he has only low markings as the outcome of exercises in the classroom, it will not do for his teacher to put him down as hopelessly stupid. What seems like dullness may be due to inhibitions, consequent upon unfavorable environment. Dr. Lorenz advises teachers to acquaint themselves with the home conditions of problem children, and confer with parents with a view to their improvement, in instances where such a course seems justified by the failure of pupils to keep up with their classes. Co-operation between teachers and parents often has a magical result in the direction of improved discipline and cheerful application to studies.

THE ALUMNI.

The Alumni is desirous of keeping in touch with the College in a practical way. During the period of school many of the graduates were remarkable for good old V. C. spirit, and "absence makes the heart grow fonder," so that the V. C. spirit is still alive and stronger than ever. This fact is evinced by the SMOKER which the executive of the Alumni is staging on December 28th in the Assembly Hall at the College.

The committees in charge of the smoker are: Business, William Weeks, David Steele; Activities, James O'Hagan, Louis Grant; Publicity, Denis Murphy; Advisory committee, Messrs. Bob Brown, Harry Colgan, W. Hennessy.

ATHLETICS

RUGBY.

"Why Can't We Enter the High School League?"

This is the question we hear on all sides, and it is a hard one to answer. Did we try? Our sole opponents in English Rugby are the Public High

Schools, so we did try hard to enter as the following steps will show:

1.—Admission to league sought in September. Refused.

2.—Alternative suggested. V. C. to procure cups and have a play-off at end of season. Agreed to by some of H. S. League officials.

3.—Cups are secured by V.C. during October.

4.—Objection to professional coach is raised.

5.—Coach Bob Granger is suspended till his re-instatement as amateur.

6.—November. Managers of Champion teams are willing to play with permission from High School executive.

7.—Permission granted but Principals' approval necessary.

8.—November 26th, Principals and Managers felt it was too late in the season for a play-off.

Trophies Presented.

In the interests of English Rugby it was possible, owing to the kind interest of Mr. Labrie, Cassidy's Ltd.; and Spalding's, to organize a knockout for trophies early in spring. Since the finalists of the High School League refused to play, having been beaten in friendlies by V. C. Bantams, King George, the next best, has challenged and will play for the Vancouver College Cup on the last week of February. This game will be played at Brockton Point as a curtain-raiser to the first Waratah game. V. C. Bantams will have a snappy turnout judging from their records.

Vancouver College 5 pts, King George
3 pts.

Vancouver College 11 pts., Commerce
6 pts.

Vancouver College 9 pts, Britannia
(champs.) 6 pts.

Vancouver College 14 pts, Kitsilano
6 pts.

Vancouver College 6 pts, Britannia 9
pts.

Last September it was deemed advisable, as admission to the High School League was denied, to play Canadian Rugby, but there is no competition in that game as yet, and so the English code was retained. Nearing the end of a good season the boys were faced with no prospect of a trophy competition for the championship, thereby missing the fitting climax to an otherwise great season.

King George Junior Champions Will Play.

King George Juniors, who carried off the Dr. Pearson Cup, will play V. C. for the Labrie Trophy as a curtain-raiser to the second game of the Waratah series. Very keen competition is expected in this final if we may judge from past scores.

Vancouver College 3 pts., King George 6 pts.

Vancouver College 6 pts., King George 9 pts.

Vancouver College nil, King George nil.

Vancouver College 4 pts., King George 3 pts.

Vancouver College 13 pts., Prince of Wales 7 pts.

Vancouver College 47 pts., Kitsilano Junior High, nil.

The V. C. Intermediates have finished their season during which they met teams much heavier than their own, coming off with the scores against them, especially in accidents. Crutches were used for a week or so by some of the injured players. Our sympathies went out to Frank Richter, who injured his ankle making a spectacular touch-down; to Tom Summers, who wrenched his knee in the first five minutes of the Lord Byng game; to Ed. Smith, who fought on bravely at the Magee game, though bleeding freely; to John Parry, who somersaulted so often, coming off with an injured foot; and to John A., who had to go to gym one day instead of playing an exciting game. The Intermediates consisted mainly of boys from B. C., who though new to the game, played vigorously.

V. C. Intermediates 11 pts., King George Seniors, nil.

V. C. Intermediates nil, Magee Champions (Seniors) 21 pts.

V. C. Intermediates 3 pts., Lord Byng (Seniors) 8 pts.

V. C. Intermediates 11 pts., Commerce 16 pts.

V. C. Intermediates 6 pts., Prince of Wales 12 pts.

V. C. Intermediates 3 pts., Prince of Wales 17 pts.

V. C. Intermediates 16 pts., Prince of Wales 5 pts.

Yell Competition.

The Rugby finals are scheduled for the last week of February. As a dis-

tant preparation for these days, a prize will be offered for the best yell or yells handed into the Rugby Association after the Xmas holidays.

THE SOCCER SEASON.

Early in September a Juvenile Soccer League was formed, and games were played regularly on the Campus, creating much excitement among the Juniors. The schedule of games will be completed in January, and then it will be possible to give a complete account of the Soccer season.

TENNIS.

A tennis tournament was organized early in September and forty of the best tennis players participated. On October 26th, in ideal weather conditions the finals were played. Paul Cantwell, day student champion, having eliminated his rival, Paul Whalen, lost to Jack Stenstrom, the champion of the resident students.

Albert Aiello also ran, or rather dared to wrest the laurels from the youthful brow of Jack, but fast drives and faster serves addled the runner-up. Jack has carried back to Ocean Falls the Lisle Fraser Cup and the V. C. silver medal.

GYMNASIICS.

On the evening of December 20th, many boys gathered in the gymnasium to witness a gymnastic display by the Juniors. Exercises on the "horse" were gone through under the direction of the gym. instructor, Mr. Small, whose stunts on the "horse" and parallel bars nearly made some of the newcomers gasp. The Junior gym. contest resulted in a win by a narrow margin for Jack Power, first; Norman Allen, second; and Mark Gregory, third. After Xmas, the Senior contest will take place, which should bring forward some clever work by Bob Pierpont, Jack Allen, Dan O'Brien and Tom Summers. The annual entertainment will give the public a chance to see what gymnastics can do for our athletes.

Kingsley: Je t'adore, Smith.

Smith (coming out of doze): Shut it yourself.

A VISTA FROM THE CAMPUS

The leaves have all fallen, cold weather prevails and a brilliant but heatless sun in a sky of azure looks down on Vancouver College, with its latest addition, MacCormick Hall. The new building of architectural beauty and good placement removes all traces of plainness that might have existed in the older structure.

What a change has the march of time wrought upon the little school on Richards St. of nearly five years ago. It has taken the student body out of one of the most drab and unhealthy business sections and placed it on the apex of a beautiful and magnificent residential district — Shaughnessy Heights. Let us for a moment regard the site of V. C.

It is admirable for healthiness and for sport facilities, and although it is away from the city, it is easily within reach for any sports or outings. But its chief asset is the beauty of the encircling Canadian scenery.

Looking north one sees the wonderful city of Vancouver laid out before you with the Lions on guard over it. They lift their snowy crests as if daring anyone to do wrong to the charge situated at their feet. And the mountains both big and small clearly printed against the sky lend a sense of grandeur to the scenery.

Southward is the exact opposite in scenery, as well as direction.

Here we have the sluggish Fraser slowly passing between the fertile islands of its delta, as if resting after its mad dash through the mountains before entering the peace of mother ocean.

If you turn your eyes westward on a clear day you will see part of Vancouver Island lying long and squat on the horizon with many toy-like vessels ploughing their way through the Gulf of Georgia at its base.

Eastward Mount Baker's hoary head is lifted to catch the early morning sunshine in which it basks, turning many scintillating hues of pink and crimson before disappearing as the light gets stronger about our own vicinity.

Thus although Vancouver College has many wonderful possessions such as three fine modern buildings, loyal students and many friends, it is also

especially gifted by nature with ideal and beautiful surroundings.

R. Sidaway.

FROM DAY TO DAY.

- Sept. 1.—Rev. Brs. Keane and Russel are changed to Victoria; much regret felt at their departure.
- Sept. 6.—College re-opens—100 new pupils.
- Sept. 9.—Rugby Association formed.
- Sept. 12.—Soccer leagues organized.
- Oct. 1.—Dedication of McCormack Hall by Most Rev. Timothy Casey, D.D.
- Oct. 2.—Formal dinner in McCormack Hall.
- Oct. 3.—Students get half holiday after hearing inspiring address from the founder, Mr. James D. McCormack, K.S.G.
- Oct. 4.—Mothers of students have afternoon tea in McCormack Hall.
- Oct. 26.—Amid much excitement Jack Stenstrom wins the tennis tournament, receiving cup and silver medal.
- Nov. 1. — Holy Day of Obligation. Nearly 120 students enjoy the forenoon at the skating arena.
- Nov. 9.—Visit of Very Rev. Br. Ryan, Provincial.
- Nov. 10.—Reception of the Apostolic Delegate Most Rev. Andrea Cassulo, D.D. Entertainment by students and presentation of address.
- Nov. 12.—All Attend Delegate's Mass in Holy Rosary.
- Nov. 18.—Rotary Ice Carnival. V. C. team comes third in High School Relay Race.
- Nov. 25.—Debate with University of British Columbia.
- Dec. 6.—Ticket campaign closed. Coyle Raftery wins the bicycle, Mrs. L. G. McPhillips wins the tea-set.
- Dec. 5-8.—High School students on Retreat conducted by Fr. O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R.
- Dec. 7.—Snowball battles are becoming frequent.
- Dec. 21—First movie. Holidays! Hurrah!

DEBATES.

During the first term the College made a real start in its regular debating schedule. Twelve debates were been held and in almost every case a lively interest in the subject was

shown. The results of the debates are as follows:—

Electricity vs. Steam.—Won by the affirmative—J. Stenstrom, J. Nickerson, E. McCallum, P. Whalen.

Reading vs. Travelling.—Won by the negative—T. Summers, P. Cantwell, R. Burns, P. McGuire.

Iron vs. Wood.—Won by the negative—J. Reid, P. Whalen, W. McKee, R. Sidaway.

Roman vs. Greek Civilization.—Impromptu debate, won by the affirmative—V. Hill, A. Macaulay, L. Wale, A. Aiello.

The Age of Invention has produced Greater Men.—Won by the negative—P. Sharpe, C. Graham, R. Dufresne, J. Murphy.

Army vs. Navy.—Won by the affirmative—C. McCleery, J. Steele, J. Eakins, T. Munn.

Indiscriminate Immigration Into Canada Should Be Discouraged.—Won by affirmative—T. Fanning, B. Anderson, F. Nelson.

18th Century vs. Middle Ages.—Won by the affirmative—C. Tedlock, E. Gladstone.

In each class several boys prepared papers worthy of particular mention, in first year they are: D. Burns, R. Sidaway and Paul Whelan; 2nd year, Jack Steele, Ted Munn; and in 3rd year, C. Tedlock, E. Gladstone.

In addition to the High School teams a travelling debating team has been chosen among the students of the Senior Matriculation. This team will defend College in debates against outside schools. The first of these debates was on the question: "Resolved that Canada should remain an integral part of the British Empire."

The University had accepted this subject for a dual debate in which both the College and the University would discuss Affirmative and Negative views. The affirmative in each case was to be debated on home ground. Both debates were discussed on the afternoon and evening of the same date. A large group of parents attended the debate in the College. The judges were Mr. J. M. Coady, Mr. Harry Colgan, Rev. Father Keenan, S.J.

The College affirmative, V. Hill, B. Anderson, A. Aiello, won from the University freshmen, Messrs. McKenzie, Lawrence, McCaffry. The College negative, L. Grant, C. Tedlock, L.

Wale, lost to the University freshmen, Messrs. Vance, Gillespie, Mouat. The debate was again held between the two College teams at the Knights of Columbus Hall, on December 3rd, and was won by the negative team.

L. W.

THE "MOVIE" CAMPAIGN.

Our "Movie" Campaign was first of all a surprise, and lastly a success. When Brother Lannon called a meeting in the Assembly Hall on November 25th, not a dozen boys knew what it was all about, but at the end of that meeting we knew all that we could know, namely that V. C. had to have a "movie" machine, and that we wanted it installed and working before Christmas. A bicycle and a tea-set were to be drawn for. In one week the five hundred dollar mark had been reached, and three days later the campaign ended with a grand total of \$601.50. How was it done? Grade five brought in 91.25; grades three and four 356.75; grades six, \$82.50; grade seven, \$62.25; grade eight, \$80.00; grade nine, \$102.50; grade twelve, \$14; making a class average \$66, and an average of \$2.40 for each boy in the school. Who made that average come up? Bill Castleton, \$11.50; Claud Reeve, \$11.25; Wm. Clancy, \$11; and the many others that made the honor roll. Was it worth while? Ask Coyle Raftery, who won the "bike," and Mr. L. G. McPhillips, who won the tea-set, then come around and ask the same question when we have our first "movie."

L.W.

V.C.'s FIRST RETREAT.

For three days preceding the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the senior students of the College held their first Annual Retreat. Under the direction of Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., a well-arranged programme including mass, instruction, meditations and spiritual readings was carried out during the Retreat. Each day was begun with mass at 9.00 a.m., in the College Chapel, followed by a brief instruction lasting until 10.00 a.m. Then came meditation with a half-hour of spiritual reading at 10.15. The next instructions were at 10.45, and were followed by an ad libitum

until 12 o'clock. The recreation hour was from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the stations of the Cross at 1.00, spiritual readings in class rooms at 1.15, recitation of the Rosary in the corridors, then one hour of class-work from 2 to 3. The sermon was given at 3 o'clock, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3.30. Silence was maintained by the retreatants from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the exception of the recreation hour, when conversation was allowed.

Such a programme afforded an excellent opportunity for real interior meditation, while the sermons and instructions provided much food for thought.

At the beginning of the Retreat it was explained as a means of individual stock-taking in preparation for setting one on the right road to his destiny. The real definition of vocation as three roads, the married state, the single state and the religious state, was then given. It was shown that these roads alone lead one to his destiny. The aids and hindrances to reaching one's destiny were pointed out, then followed an exposition of the doctrines of the Catholic Church. The last sermon of the Retreat dealt with the duties of a student to his mind in his studies, to his health in his games and to his soul in his prayers.

The Retreat may be briefly described as a solid stepping stone into a clear future, that gave one the assurance that the mistakes of the past were righted and that one was then free to use the powers of mind, body and soul to bring one to his destiny.

The Retreat ended with mass at 9.00 a.m. on the morning of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, when all of the retreatants in a body received Holy Communion. Although hymns were sung at the other masses of the Retreat, they could not have been sung with the fervor and devotion with which they were sung at this mass that closed so successful a Retreat.

After the mass the resident and day students, who were on Retreat, were the guests of the College at breakfast in the College Cafeteria. Nearly 90 high school boys sat down to enjoy a delicious breakfast conscious of the fact that they had passed through three days which would mean much to their future. Many expressions of

pleasure were heard from all sides, some felt that they had been helped by the intimate and clear instruction of Father O'Sullivan, others said that never before had they enjoyed such an opportunity for a real self-examination and everyone expressed the wish that a Retreat be held each year. L.W.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library was re-opened about the end of October, and its registered members are increasing daily. Here may be found novels for both the younger and older boys, and biographies, historical works, and classics for all. There are about 2,000 books in the library.

The year 1926-27 saw well over one hundred members taking books regularly out of the College Library. One of every two boys is a library member. This is a very high percentage in comparison with other schools.

The library is open between twelve and one o'clock every day. Here may be found junior boys reading a sensational "poverty to riches" story or a "cow-boy story," and one finds the senior boys reading and taking notes on some subject for debate, perhaps, or for a class talk.

Thus we find the College Library entering its second year of usefulness a very healthy offspring of class work and a medium for either pleasure or for deeper study.

Books are being purchased constantly and more is the pity that those who have books whose backs never groaned under the weight of a hand do not see how great a blessing their books would yield to boys anxious to get knowledge and yet more of it.

When serious and extended reading has to be done for debates, the whole debating team finds itself in the Carnegie Library because as yet the School Library facilities are not sufficiently extended. We invite books—Books—Books. Send them or send word of them and they are here. L.G.

THE PHILATELIC CLUB.

Towards the end of last month yet another interesting affair took place at the College, this being the inception of a Philatelic Club. Philately, as you know, is the name coined for stamp

collecting, and today of world-wide popularity.

There are many reasons for this popularity, because the collecting of stamps may be regarded from so many different angles, and thus appeals to various types of minds.

The receipt of a letter bearing a foreign stamp, the Hejaz, for example, may bring to one's mind a picture of desert wastes across which wind long caravans of pilgrims on their way to the Holy Cities of Islam.

Comparing stamps, one with another it will be noticed that changes in design or inscription indicate the current history of the world, the rise and fall of rulers, wars and the making of peace, acquisition of territory, national crises and national rejoicings. An example of the latter may be found in the beautiful set of our own country issued to celebrate the Confederation of Canada. Other angles from which stamps may be considered are too numerous to set down here, but the many-sided appeal of stamp collecting is such that today we find kings and schoolboys, lawyers and generals, workmen and men of leisure are numbered as its adherents. Those who spend their hard-earned coppers on some new treasure for their albums, wealthy men who find in a stamp collection a safe investment for surplus funds,—all classes and all ages unite in hobby.

It is becoming a common practice for collectors to band themselves into societies or clubs for mutual help and companionship, and in Vancouver College it is to be hoped that the formation of the new Philatelic Club will bring out these principles of mutual help and companionship.

Membership in the club is open to all students at the College without exception, and excellent conditions are provided for private exchanging and consulting. It is to be hoped that all boys who are interested in the hobby will avail themselves of the opportunity now afforded them of indulging in a very interesting and helpful pastime.

E. Gladstone.

A Frenchman, M. Rene Savard, recently had the pleasure to state that he was the first to cross the English Channel in a cycle-hydroplane.

VISIT OF VERY REV. BR. RYAN

V. C. was honored by a visit from Br. Ryan of New York, who is the Provincial of the Christian Brothers. He remained for nearly a week, and during that time he visited each class, encouraging by his words every student and inspiring each and all to greater things.

CLASS NOTES.

Junior Matriculation.

Much speculation was rife at the end of September as to the likely occupants of McCormack Hall and Junior and Senior Matriculation showed unmistakable signs of joy on moving day. So hurried was one of our tall students that he left a substantial lunch in the old room and did not miss it.

During the recent Movie Campaign, V. C. was stirred to enthusiasm by the relation of the method one boy took to sell a ticket. Having called at a certain house, he was not received with open arms, but was told to peel some potatoes and wait. He peeled the potatoes and waited. When he had labored patiently for a quarter of an hour he succeeded in selling his ticket. Everybody still asks "What's his name?" That is true heroism.

However, class studies have gone forward satisfactorily and much of the year's work has been well covered. The Mid-Term Exams, set a few records toppling. Some who were in the lead last year wakened up to the gravity of the situation when they found that even partial standing could not describe their rank. The whole class participated in a series of debates in the Assembly Hall and some good material was developed. Bruce Anderson and Clifford Tedlock reflected credit on their class in the recent University debate. Junior Matric. Ruggers played no mean part during the season. More than half the boys are in the Rugby Association, including the Senior and Junior captains. Inter-class basketball games should evoke great interest and keen competition next term.

**Remember December 28th is date of
Alumni Smoker, at the College.**

GRADE IX.

That the past term has not been too gloomy a period is the unanimous verdict of First Year. In our studies we have made progress, with room for improvement. To our class leaders, D. Burns, W. Lynott, and A. Hall, we say, "That's the stuff. Keep it up."

The College Rugby team was well represented by our stalwarts—Alexander, Summers, Reynolds, Devereux, Gorman, Galvin and Allen. We claim as well the tennis championship, in the person of our natty little athlete Jack Stenstrom.

In holding debates, we were not shy, and found that D. Burns, R. Sidaway, and P. Whelan are budding young lawyers. And who will question our pep and V. C. spirit in social activities? Did we not produce the second highest total in the recent ticket sale? Our thanks to W. Castleton in the honor he has done us by leading the entire College in the sale of tickets. Bill can lead in studies, too. He hopes to stand in first place at Christmas.

Neither are we wanting in music and dramatic artists. At present the class is preparing quite a programme which may reveal perhaps a Padrewski or a Shakespeare.

GRADE VIII. NOTES.

Class Executive President, H. Fell; Vice president, F. Yehle; Secretary treasurer, T. McCarry.

Council: E. Adams, N. Neville, D. Smith, P. Whetham, D. Blaney.

Class leaders for November: Hugh Fell, Thomas McCarry, Norman Allen, Fred Yehle, Donald Smith.

Canadian History and Geography.

At a meeting of the class executive held on Tuesday, December 13th, it was decided to have a competition in Canadian history and geography. Twelve subjects were selected, conditions were drawn up and five dollars in gold from the class fund was decided upon as the prize for the winner. On Wednesday, 14th, the plans met with the hearty approval of the class, and the boys of Grade VIII. are now off to an enthusiastic start. Each of twelve captains appointed by the executive drew for one of the selected subjects. Two companions will aid him in preparing a paper on his subject.

The paper will consist of an essay of one thousand words, the main topics of which will all be illustrated by sketches, photographs or cuttings. The whole must be artistically arranged on a mount with suitable design and printed title. Papers must be in not later than February 3rd, 1928.

Messrs Denis Murphy '25, David Steele '25, and Lewis Horan '26, will be the judges of the competition.

During the term interesting talks were given by different boys in the class on the history topics studied. The most interesting of these talks was that of Norman Allen, who delighted his audience with a ten-minute discourse on Shakespeare.

The class presented \$10 to the "Province" Poor Fund.

GRADE SEVEN—US.

We're Seventh! not eleventh, nor eighth;

In ourselves we place excellent faith—
No finer young fellows!

All genuine! No yellows;
We're true to V. C. unto death.

Thirty-five is our number to date.
If success you, dear reader, await:
Elocution's our forte,
Then, we're splendid at sport,
And, as artists, we're all just first rate.

To College activities here
We give of our talents so rare—
Our, orchestral trio,
And pianists duo;
With our violins few can compare.

In Rugby, positions we've ten,
In soccer some excellent men,
And four teams in handball
New, count them up—that's all.
What praise you will deem us worth,
then!

Should your credence be put to the test,
We think it far better, nay best,
That you give us a call
In our neat study hall,
And see for yourselves. Our request,
"US."

GRADE VI.

There is keen competition for leadership of Class VI. In September Donald Cromie held first place, with Joseph Morgan a close second, but in

October and November Joe turned the tables on Donald. The members of the class are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the Christmas exams. There are several dark horses, any one of whom may spring a surprise on Joe or Donald.

The College need not worry about the Rugby trophy in 1930, as Billy Soule, Con. Burke and others of the class have already begun to practise.

GRADE V.

Well, Fifth Grade had the highest average in the ticket selling for the raffle. This was due in a great degree to the amount of "V. C. Pep" displayed by the class leaders, Reeve, Clancy and McMillan.

So far this term the class work has gone on steadily and quietly with the exception of a few occasions on which the class was informed of startling discoveries made by some of the members during geography exams.

Fifth Grade will be represented in the Christmas entertainments by one or two of its budding "artists."

GRADE III. and IV.

The pupils of Grade III., aided by their companions in Grade IV., performed trojan service in the recent lottery campaign. The juvenile winsomeness attained success where more mature requests failed. Their pep and ardour in this endeavor resulted in their realizing third.

The aesthetics here are not neglected, and there is great promise for some of the young artists in drawing, music, and histrionic art.

In the fields of sport we are represented. Soccer claims the attention of many of the class members, while some would be rash to the extent of participating in harder fields of play.

That they may zealously continue their endeavors along the various branches of school life is our prayerful Xmas wish.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

For a considerable time the College has been anxious to have the parents acquainted with the spirit and life of the College. It is not enough to know the College from outside. Those who want to aid their children in the ways of permanent progress come into closer relation with the school, so that the school becomes an extension of the home, as in reality it should. More than a quarter of a child's life is committed to the care of the College, it is a strange matter therefore to meet parents who have never been inside the door of the school and whose principle seems to be to leave "well enough alone." If the boy succeeds he may stay, if he does not, he must leave. Under such indifference of parents it is well nigh miraculous that boys succeed. Parents must be interested in the school and what the school does, with a hope to aid it to do all that it ought.

With these facts in mind, a meeting of parents was convened in October. The attendance was not large, but the enthusiasm expressed was sufficient to show that some kind of organized effort would be hailed by many parents.

It was then proposed that some socials should be held before proceeding to the establishment of any organization in order that parents might become acquainted. After some time the machinery for an association will be established and elections will be held for executives of the society.

The first social was a card party on December 9th.

Mrs. D. Steele, Mrs. F. J. McCleery, Mrs. J. D. Neville convened the party. The cards committee was arranged for by the Y. L. I. The refreshments committee consisted of Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Charles Stafford, Mrs. W. D. Power, Mrs. G. H. Tedlock, Mrs. G. H. Eakins, Mrs. G. Ford.

To the members of the several committees and to the many friends who aided those committees the College extends sincere thanks.

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